Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

- 1-4. (Canceled)
- 5. (Withdrawn) A simulation system comprising:
- an atmospheric radiance and transmission modeling module:
- an atmospheric conditions source connected to the atmospheric radiance and transmission modeling module;
- a sensor response removal module;
- a field data source connected to the sensor response removal module;
- a sensor response source connected to the sensor response removal module;
- a special characteristics addition module connected to the sensor response removal module;
- an atmospheric attenuation module connected to the atmospheric radiance and transmission modeling module and to the special characteristics addition module; and
- a sensor response addition module connected to the sensor response source and to the atmospheric attenuation module.

- 6. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 5, wherein the sensor response addition has a simulated data output.
 - 7. (Original) A simulator system comprising:
 - a chemical agent detection environment simulation
 device;
 - a user interface connected to the chemical agent detection environment simulation device;
 - a background measurement environment interferogram source connected to the chemical agent detection environment simulation device;
 - a numerical computing tool connected to the chemical agent detection environment simulation device; and
 - an atmospheric transmittance and radiance model connected to the chemical agent detection environmental simulation device.
- 8. (Original) The system of claim 7, further comprising an ancillary information source connected to the chemical agent detection environment simulation device.
 - 9. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein:
 - files may be input to the atmospheric transmittance and radiance model from the chemical agent detection simulation device environment; and
 - atmospheric model information may be input to the chemical agent detection environment simulation

device from the atmospheric transmittance and radiance model.

10. (Withdrawn) A simulation method comprising:
computing parameters of a plurality of parameters of
 spectrums;

calibrating a background spectrum; constructing an atmospheric model;

construction a cloud model; and

building simulated spectra from the plurality of parameters of spectrums, the background spectrum, the atmospheric model and the cloud model.

- 11. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 10 further comprising signal-to-noise compensation of the simulated spectrum.
 - 12. (Withdrawn) A means for simulating comprising:
 means for computing parameters for at least one
 spectrum;

means for calibrating a background spectrum;

means for constructing an atmospheric model;

means for constructing a cloud model;

means for simulating a signature from the at least one spectrum, the background spectrum, the atmospheric model and the cloud model.

- 13. (Withdrawn) The means of claim 12, further comprising a means for improving a signal-to-noise factor of the signature.
 - 14. (Withdrawn) A system for simulation comprising:
 - a user interface;
 - an atmospheric simulation module connected to the user interface;
 - a sensor radiation and response module connected to the user interface;
 - a cloud radiance and transmittance module; and
 - a synthesizer connected to the atmospheric simulation module, the sensor radiation and response module, and the cloud radiance and transmittance module.
- 15. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 14, further comprising a data storage module connected to the synthesizer.
- 16. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 15, wherein the sensor radiation and response module, the cloud radiance and transmittance module and the synthesizer are operated with a numerical computing tool.
- 17. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 16, wherein the numerical computing tool is a Matlab® module.
- 18. (Withdrawn) The system of claim 16, wherein the atmospheric simulation module is a MODTRAN module.

- 19. (Withdrawn) A signature simulator comprising:
- an input stage;
- a preparation stage;
- a calibration stage; and
- a simulation stage; and

wherein the simulation stage comprises:

- a background spectrum;
- an atmospheric model;
- a cloud model; and
- a simulated spectrum builder.
- 20. (Withdrawn) The simulator of claim 19 wherein calibration stage comprises:
 - computing an ambient blackbody spectrum;
 - computing a theoretical ambient blackbody spectrum; and
 - computing a calibrated background spectrum.
- 21. (Withdrawn) The simulator of claim 20, wherein the calibration stage further comprises computing an LN_2 reference spectrum.
- 22. (Withdrawn) The simulator of claim 21, wherein the simulated spectrum builder may output a simulated signature.

- 23. (New) The system of claim 7, wherein the chemical agent detection environment simulation device includes simulated sensor output.
- 24. (New) The system of claim 23, wherein the numerical computing tool is configured to test the sensor output with one or more algorithms.
- 25. (New) The system of claim 7, further comprising a cloud radiance and transmittance module.
- 26. (New) The system of claim 7, wherein the numerical computing tool is a Matlab® module.
- 27. (New) The system of claim 7, wherein the atmospheric transmittance and radiance module is a MODTRAN module.
- 28. (New) The system of claim 7, wherein the chemical agent detection environment simulation device includes:

an input stage;

a preparation stage;

a calibration stage; and

a simulation stage; and

wherein the simulation stage comprises:

a background spectrum;

an atmospheric model;

a cloud model; and

a simulated spectrum builder.

29. (New) The system of claim 28 wherein the calibration stage comprises:

computing an ambient blackbody spectrum;

computing a theoretical ambient blackbody spectrum; and

computing a calibrated background spectrum.

- 30. (New) The system of claim 29, wherein the calibration stage is configured to compute an LN_2 reference spectrum.
- 31. (New) The system of claim 7, further comprising a sensor response removal module.
- 32. (New) The system of claim 31, further comprising a field data source and a sensor response source each connected to the sensor response removal module.